

Notice of Intention to Designate Property of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

Take Notice that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Thunder Bay intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.18

1017 ISABELLA STREET EAST, PLAN 144, LOT 40 TO 42, THUNDER BAY, ONTARIO

Description of Property

The property at 1017 Isabella Street East comprises a two-storey wood frame house constructed between 1878 and 1879 as the personal residence of John McIntyre. The house was relocated to its present location between June and December 1907, situated at the northeast corner of Isabella Street East and Catherine Street in the Vickers Park neighbourhood of the former community of Fort William, now part of the City of Thunder Bay.

Summary Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

The property at 1017 Isabella Street East in the City of Thunder Bay has design value as a rare surviving example of an Italianate style residence in Thunder Bay, constructed between 1878 and 1879 with a wood frame and clapboard siding. Its design value is expressed through its form, scale and massing, symmetrical three-bay façade, bracketed overhanging eaves, full-width verandah, and Classical pediment detailing, along with its contributing early twentieth century rear addition and carriage house. Additionally, the property has historical associative value for its direct connection to John McIntyre, a significant early Hudson's Bay Company official whose long tenure at Fort William and construction of the house as his retirement residence make it the most tangible surviving link to his life and legacy. Lastly, although the residence was relocated, the property retains contextual value as it is recognized as a landmark within the Vickers Park neighbourhood for its historical association, its rare architectural form, and enduring presence at this site for more than 115 years.

A copy of the designation report, including a full statement of its cultural heritage value and heritage attributes, is available in the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, in the City of Thunder Bay, from Monday to Friday between 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, or by email at cityclerk@thunderbay.ca.

Written Notice of Objection

Any person may, within 30 days after the date of the publication of this notice, may serve written notice of objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement for the objection and all relevant facts to the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 500 Donald Street East, P.O. Box 800, Thunder Bay, ON P7C 5K4.

DATED at the City of Thunder Bay this 23rd day of May, 2026.

Jeff Walters, Manager – Legislative Services & Deputy City Clerk